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CENTRAL REGISTRY UPDATE

The ASCR has submitted the 2006 Alabama cancer data to NPCR and NAACCR last November, and the 2007 data to NPCR this January. Although we are still waiting to receive the evaluation, we are confident that we will meet NAACCR gold standard and our data will be included in the United States Cancer Statistics (USCS) report. We are doing great with the 2007 and 2008 data collection, thanks to all for your hard work. Currently, our completeness rate for 2007 data is 94% and for 2008 it is 43%. Please keep in mind that we will need to reach 95% completeness for 2007 data by November 2009 and 90% completeness for 2008 data by next January.

In 2009, the ASCR also had some changes. Ms. XJ Shen was appointed to fill the position of ASCR Program Manager. Ms. Diane Hadley, North Region Coordinator, now serves as the Data Completeness Manager, responsible for ensuring complete cancer reporting statewide. Ms. Jeanne Dickinson joined us as administrative assistant. All of the ASCR staff will continue to work with you for a successful 2009.

ASCR EDUCATION PLAN

The ASCR is working diligently to design an education plan to better fit the needs of the cancer registry community. What better way to improve data quality, than through education? Our educational goals are to identify needs, provide directional support to reporting sources, develop and maintain cooperative collaborations, and establish new partnerships. To aid in the accomplishment of these goals, the ASCR is currently developing educational webcasts, similar to the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries' Webinars. Our goal is to design the webcasts to be user friendly, informational, cost effective, and time saving. If you have access to the Internet, you'll have access to the webcasts. The first series of webcasts will be designed for beginning abstractors. As we progress with the webcasts, so will the educational topics. In addition, the CDC's National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR), is supporting the usage of webcasts and is providing annual Train-The-Trainers workshops. In the coming months you will receive more information about the webcasts and dates for registration. This is an exciting time for the ASCR and we look forward to bringing you innovative ideas to simplify your educational needs.

WEB PLUS UPDATES

Web Plus has been successfully implemented in Alabama for over a year now. This enables all our hospitals to submit data electronically. We also have more than 60 users from physician offices, cancer centers, surgical centers, and path labs. Overall, more than 4,000 cases were submitted through Web Plus. In the next month or so, we will update Web Plus to version 2.0.12, with some improved functions. Please give us your feedback and any suggestions to improve this system.

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QUESTION & ANSWER (Q2 & Q3 are from CoC's Inquiry and Response)

Q1: Is an Adenocarcinoid of the appendix reportable to the ASCR?

A: Yes, this is reportable to the ASCR. Primary Site is coded to C18.1 with Histology coded to 8245/3.

Q2: Can an adenocarcinoid of the colon with invasion into the mucosa and submucosa be AJCC staged? Has the investigation on AJCC staging of carcinoid tumors been resolved?

A: The carcinoid issue in AJCC is currently under investigation. Until further clarification, carcinoid tumors of the colon and rectum are not TNM staged. You can use Collaborative Staging for carcinoid tumors.

Q3: Patient has an infiltrating and in situ carcinoma at the 12:00 position of the breast. In the same breast the patient has a ductal in situ carcinoma at the 6:00 position. Is this a single or multiple primary?

A: Single Primary. **Rule M11** would apply and states multiple intraductal and/or duct carcinomas are a single primary.

Rule M4 would not apply because the topography codes are not different in the second and third character.

Example: Patient had a mastectomy and two lesions, same histology, different quadrants were found. Rule M4 states topography codes different at 2nd and/or third character is two primaries. Aren't all breast cases C50x? Is this a single or multiple primary?

Rule M4 does state topography codes different at 2nd (CXxx, EX C509 and C340) or 3rd (CxXx, EX C509 and C559) characters are multiple primaries. Characters are letters and digits, so C509 would be four characters. Since this breast has two lesions in different quadrants, they are different at the 4th character (C50X) and are reported as a single primary.

EVENT CALENDAR

2009 CTR Exam

March 7-21, 2009; Application Due by: 2/15/2009
September 12-26, 2009; Application Due by: 7/31/2009

National Cancer Registrars Week

Theme: "Cancer Registrars... Rock Solid"

April 13-17, 2009

National Cancer Registrars Annual Conference

New Orleans, LA

May 31-June 3, 2009

International Association of Cancer

Registrars Annual Conference

New Orleans, LA

June 3-5, 2009

NAACR Annual Conference

San Diego, CA

June 13-19, 2009

ACRA Fall Meeting

Birmingham, Alabama

Date—TBA

CANCER AWARENESS CALENDAR

March 2009

- National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month
- National Nutrition Awareness Month

April 2009

- National Cancer Control Month
- National Minority Cancer Awareness Week (April 19-25)

May 2009

- Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month
- Cancer Research Month
- Melanoma Monday (May 4)
- Women's Health/Cancer Awareness
- National Women's Health Week (May 10-16)
- World No Tobacco Day (May 31)

June 2009

- National Cancer Survivors Day (June 7)
- Men's Health/Cancer Awareness
- National Men's Health Week (June 8-14)

1997-2006 Alabama Cancer Incidence Rates

Top Twelve Cancer Groupings by Race and Gender

Males All Races			Females All Races		
Rank	Cancer	Rate	Rank	Cancer	Rate
1	Prostate	144.6	1	Breast	139.3
2	Lung and Bronchus	110.3	2	Lung and Bronchus	50.4
3	Colon and Rectum	65.0	3	Colon and Rectum	44.8
4	Urinary Bladder	30.7	4	Melanoma of the Skin	17.6
5	Melanoma of the Skin	29.0	5	Corpus Uteri	16.7
6	Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	19.7	6	Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	13.5
7	Oral Cavity and Pharynx	19.3	7	Ovary	13.3
8	Kidney and Renal Pelvis	17.3	8	Cervix Uteri	9.8
9	Leukemias	12.8	9	Pancreas	9.2
10	Pancreas	12.5	10	Kidney and Renal Pelvis	9.0
11	Larynx	9.9	11	Thyroid	8.6
12	Brain and CNS	9.3	12	Brain and CNS	8.3

All rates are per 100,000 and age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. (19 age group) standard.

Black Males			Black Females		
Rank	Cancer	Rate	Rank	Cancer	Rate
1	Prostate	215.0	1	Breast	127.8
2	Lung and Bronchus	110.8	2	Colon and Rectum	52.1
3	Colon and Rectum	71.1	3	Lung and Bronchus	37.3
4t	Stomach	17.1	4	Corpus Uteri	17.6
4t	Kidney and Renal Pelvis	17.1	5	Cervix Uteri	12.9
6	Oral Cavity and Pharynx	16.6	6	Pancreas	11.6
7	Pancreas	15.5	7	Ovary	10.3
8	Urinary Bladder	14.9	8	Kidney and Renal Pelvis	9.6
9	Larynx	13.6	9	Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	8.5
10	Esophagus	13.1	10t	Stomach	7.9
11	Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	12.8	10t	Myeloma	7.9
12	Myeloma	11.7	12	Thyroid	6.8

All rates are per 100,000 and age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. (19 age group) standard.

White Males			White Females		
Rank	Cancer	Rate	Rank	Cancer	Rate
1	Prostate	124.5	1	Breast	141.0
2	Lung and Bronchus	110.4	2	Lung and Bronchus	54.0
3	Colon and Rectum	63.5	3	Colon and Rectum	42.7
4	Urinary Bladder	34.1	4	Melanoma of the Skin	21.2
5	Melanoma of the Skin	34.0	5	Corpus Uteri	16.6
6	Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	21.1	6	Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	14.6
7	Oral Cavity and Pharynx	19.9	7	Ovary	14.2
8	Kidney and Renal Pelvis	17.3	8	Thyroid	9.2
9	Leukemias	13.4	9	Brain and CNS	9.1
10	Pancreas	11.8	10t	Cervix Uteri	8.8
11	Brain and CNS	10.3	10t	Kidney and Renal Pelvis	8.8
12	Larynx	9.0	12	Pancreas	8.5

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WEB PLUS TIPS

- Make sure you are logging onto Web Plus. You should see "Welcome to Web Plus" at log window.
- Bookmark the page so you can get to it easier next time.
- Save abstract before you step away from your computer.
- Enter date fields in the format mm/dd/yyyy.
- Avoid race code 99.

ASCR COMPLETENESS SCHEDULE

Current Month	Completeness %	Timeliness
Jul 08	8	January 09
Aug 08	17	February 09
Sep 08	28	March 09
Oct 08	33	April 09
Nov 08	42	May 09
Dec 08	50	June 09
Jan 09	58	July 09
Feb 09	67	August 09
Mar 09	75	September 09
Apr 09	83	October 09
May 09	92	November 09
June 09	100	December 09

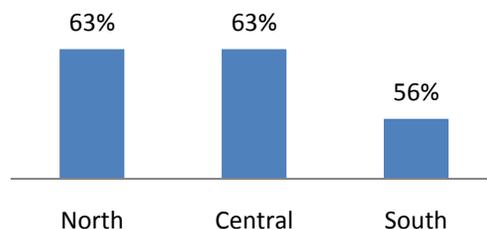
ACRA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE – message from Membership Chairman, Joyce Thompson

As membership chairman for 2008-2009, I am working on a couple of different plans to help increase our membership. One of them is that I would like to challenge each of you who are members to contact someone you might know at another facility to join ACRA, if they are not already a member.

I have noticed there are several hospitals in the state that do not have membership representation in our organization. Be sure and promote to them the advantages of being a member – they can obtain continuing education hours, and network with other registrars at meetings where we can learn from each other. I am looking forward to having a successful year in helping to grow our organization. I am working on updating the membership list now and will get a copy out to everyone soon.

If you need to get in touch with me, my e-mail address is Joyce.Thompson@bhsala.com, phone number is 205-620-8689 and fax number is 205-620-7037. Please feel free to contact me anytime.

2008 Data Completeness by Region



*As of February 23, 2009



CONGRATULATIONS NEW CTRs

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